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(57) Abstract: A modified pro- $\alpha$  chain comprising a triple helix forming domain linked to at least an N-terminal domain, the N-terminal domain containing a polypeptide from at least part of a laminin glycoprotein or secretory leukocyte protease inhibitor. The pro- $\alpha$  chain may form part of a procollagen molecule that has the N-terminal domain retained. The procollagen molecules may be incorporated into collagen polymers, matrices and gels and be used for such applications as wound healing.